MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Indiana Professional Standards Board

FROM: John Marsteller Chair

Teacher Education Committee

DATE: November 20, 2002

RE: New Program Approval—Ball State University and Indiana State

University

Ball State University and Indiana State University jointly submitted an initial teacher preparation program for Exceptional Needs: Visually Impaired (P-12) licensure. This program was reviewed and representatives of the institution were interviewed by the Teacher Education Committee. The program was found to meet all of the guidelines for a new program. Although this program prepares teachers to serve a low incidence population, there is no other such program in our state. Significant resources are required to maintain such a program, and other states have found it necessary to close their programs due to the lack of needed resources. Therefore, it is commendable that Ball State University and Indiana State University have agreed to share the resources necessary to provide this important program in Indiana.

Both institutions will report on program status/ improvements annually to the IPSB for three years and then the program review will roll over into the institution's next accreditation review.

Teacher Education Committee Recommendation:

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